Action against Central Government employees for taking part in Assam agitation

3128. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not withdrawn disciplinary actions taken against Central Government employees in Assam involved in Assam agitation although there was a specific provision for it in the Assam Accord;

(b) if so, what is the total number of Central Government employees in Assam who were either discharged or have been kept under suspension or have suffered breaks in service ; and

(c) whether Government reviewed the cases in the light of leniency shown elsewhere ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) After considering all aspects and in the light of the Assam Accord, instructions were issued on 20-9-85 prescribing guidelines for dealing with cases of employees who had taken part in the Assam agitation. It was provided in these instructions that all pending disciplinary proceedings except those relating to violent incidents, may be dropped. In cases where disciplinary action was completed, and penalty was imposed, the employees, except those who participated in violent activities, should be given an opportunity to file an appeal or petition for revision, which, on receipt, should be given sympathetic consideration. The information relating to action taken in accordance with these guidelines is not centrally maintained. However, according to the information collected in March, 1987, out of 90 permanent and temporary employees whose services were terminated, only one was not found fit for reinstatement as a result of the review of the cases by the competent authorities in the light of these guidelines.

Setting up of water testing laboratory in Orissa

3129. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a water testing laboratory in Orissa and also establish a cold chain Division in that state for maintenance of cold chain equipment under National Technology Mission ;

(b) whether the Government of Orissa have sought financial assistance for implementing these proposals ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to clear these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Setting up of 7 water testing laboratories including one mobile laboratory, has been approved for the state of Orissa. There is also a proposal to set up a cold chain Division in Orissa.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Of the two proposals a sum of Rs. 7.06 lakhs has been released to the Government of Orissa for one year, for water testing laboratories.